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Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response

In an in-person interview (on May. 27, 2008), Examiner Rutledge and I discussed the § 101 rejections, distinctions from the cited references and possible clarifying amendments to the claims. I understood the Examiner to tentatively concur with the proposed amendments, subject to an updated search. Claims herein are amended consistent with the discussion in the interview. This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.

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